

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.382

## MEMORANDUM

To..... ALL SENATORS

From..... I. B. KELSEY

DIRECTOR OF SECRETARIAT SERVICES

Subject..... RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SENATE AGENDA  
COMMITTEE ON TERMS OF REFERENCE SUB-  
MITTED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
EXAMINATION AND GRADING PRACTICES

Date..... JUNE 26, 1970

At a meeting of the Senate Agenda Committee held on Wednesday, June 24, 1970, the Committee recommended:

1. That Senate adopt the Terms of Reference submitted by the Senate Committee on Examination and Grading Practices as outlined in this paper; and
2. That the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Examination and Grading Practices, Dr. L. Boland, be present at the Senate meeting of July 6, 1970 to speak to the paper.

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION AND GRADING PRACTICES

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To recommend to Senate grading and examination practices which are designed to ensure reasonable equitability in (a) the assignment of grades within courses and across courses, (b) the use of grades, and to ensure the internal and external credibility of grades given at Simon Fraser University.
2. To keep in review the gradings assigned in order to identify significant discrepancies in such grades, to bring these to the attention of Senate, the faculties, and departments concerned with a view to reducing wide divergences in future.
3. To recommend to Senate appropriate methods for equating grades so that summary measures of scholastic standing utilized are equitable for students, for such purposes as awarding scholarships on the basis of academic merit.
4. To recommend to Senate appropriate implementation procedures for policies approved by Senate.

### N O T E

The Committee will not attempt to make decisions in the case of individual grades assigned any student, but may consider information derived therefrom in developing appropriate policies for recommendation to Senate to correct major inequities in future.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION & GRADING PRACTICES

The following specific charges have been placed before the committee:

- (a) A continual monitoring of the grading practices.
- (b) A thorough consideration of the matters raised in Paper S.375, particularly some corrective measures to reduce the wide divergences in departmental grading practices - with report back to Senate before the end of the Summer Semester 70-2.

(Paper S.375 is a report of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards).

- (c) A consideration of the items raised in Paper S.379 (K.Rieckhoff).
- (d) A consideration of the directly related problems arising from Paper S.378.

(Paper S.378 contains recommendations of A.Mitzman concerning PSA grading problems, with Senate having approved Recommendation 2a. The motion approved by Senate is silent on the position of students given credit without grades, who may have applied for scholarships).